of areas from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and would be viable, economically and technically; and

(b) whether this proposal would be favourably considered and early action would be taken for its speedy implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Rail projects of NER

1294. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail projects in the NER which are to be taken up with the Asian Development Bank loan;

(b) the time by which the works on these projects are likely to be taken up; and

(c) the details of time schedules for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. No such project is being taken up with the assistance of Asian Development Bank.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur railway line

†1295. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the gauge conversion work between Chhindwara-Nagpur narrow gauge line was cleared alongwith the cost thereof;

(b) the amount allocated for the project during current financial year and the amount spent on this, so far;

(c) by when the work is targeted to be completed; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.